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1. COUNCIL MET APRIL 19 AND AGREED TO INSTRUCT SECGEN TO CONVENE AD HOC MEETING OF HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES TO CONSIDER TASK FORCE REPORT. AS INSTRUCTED REFTELS, US DEL SUPPORTED CONSENSUS AS WELL AS SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL THAT MEETING OCCUR MAY 13. UK, NETHERLANDS, GERMANY, SWITZERLAND, AND ITALY RELUCTANTLY SUPPORTED MAJORITY STATING THEY PREFERRED THAT COMPETENT OECD BODIES FIRST REVIEW INTRA-SECRETARIAT TASK FORCE REPORT. HOWEVER, AS DECIDED BY COUNCIL, AD HOC MEETING WILL PROVIDE POLITICAL DIMENSION, GUIDANCE AND OVERALL DIRECTION TO RELEVANT OECD BODIES.

2. FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEETING, ROY HUMPHREY OF SECRETARIAT CONFIRMED DATE OF MAY 13 FOR AD HOC MEETING WHICH, HE SAID, MIGHT EXTEND UNTIL SATURDAY, MAY 14. HUMPHREY ALSO REQUESTED GUIDANCE FROM US RE
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CHAIRMAN FOR AD HOC GROUP. HIS FIRST CHOICE IS MR. LEONARD, DIRECTEUR DE LA FLOTTE DE COMMERCE ET DE L'EQUIPEMENT NAVAL, FRENCH MERCHANT MARINE MINISTRY. ACCORDING TO HUMPHREY, MR. LEONARD IS UNIQUELY QUALIFIED SINCE HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SHIPPING AND SHIPBUILDING, AND IS AN EXCELLENT CHAIRMAN. (HE IS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE MARITIME TRANSPORT COMMITTEE.) ALTERNATIVELY,

HUMPHREY WOULD CONSIDER JOHN ROWLAND, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SEA TRANSPORTATION OF AUSTRALIA'S MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT.

3. ACTION REQUEST -
GUIDANCE BY COB APRIL 22 AS TO WHETHER WE SUPPORT
LEONARD, ROWLAND OR ANYONE ELSE.

4. ACCORDING TO HUMPHREY, AD HOC MEETING WILL:
A. EXCHANGE VIEWS RE VALIDITY OF REPORT'S CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS;
B. ESTABLISH A PRIORITY ORDERING OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS;
C. OFFER ADVICE TO RELEVANT OECD BODIES AS TO HOW RECOMMENDATIONS MIGHT BE IMPLEMENTED AND,
D. PREPARE A REPORT FOR THE COUNCIL'
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